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Qatar Implementation of GSO Regulation on Nutritional Labeling

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Report Highlights:

On May 11, 2017, the Ministry of Public Health of Qatar published in its official circular a notification to importers informing them of the implementation of GSO 9 and GSO 2233* as it relates to the requirements for nutritional labeling of prepackaged food. Qatar will require that nutritional facts must appear in the Arabic language on product packaging. Products entering Qatar without nutritional facts labeled in Arabic will be rejected after June 30, 2017.

General Information:

Below is the circular sent by Ministry of Public Health:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

QATAR CUSTOMS REGULATION OF NUTRITIONAL FACTS CLAIM ON RETAIL PRODUCTS

Dear All,

This is to inform you all that, any Retails Products importing to Qatar must be comply with the regulation of Nutritional facts.

Nutritional facts must be marked in both Arabic & English Languages on Product packaging

Cutoff date will be April 30th 2017

After the cutoff date, if there is any shipments which are not comply with these regulations will be **rejected/re-exported without any pretexts**

Note: Cutoff date for the products coming with Nutritional Facts **only in English will be 30th June 2017.**

*GSO standards are available for purchase through the following link

<https://www.gso.org.sa/store/?lang=en>